



OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER JOHNNY KHAMIS
SAN JOSE, DISTRICT 10

District 10 June Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

I begin this newsletter by congratulating the Class of 2013! Whether you are leaving behind the classrooms and hallways of your local high school to spread your wings as an adult or learning the ropes of the job market, new degree in hand, I congratulate you and wish you the very best. May your future be bright and may the determination that has carried you this far continue to grow so you can reach your full potential and achieve your dreams.

With graduation season in full swing, it is important that each of us, students and parents alike, keep safety at the forefront of our minds. The District 10 Youth Advisory Council recently hosted a Safe Driving Forum to promote awareness of the city's Social Host Ordinance, as well as to provide tips on how to be a safe and responsible driver. I commend them for their efforts and am thankful we have a group of such civic-minded young people in District 10. If you'd like to learn more about the City of San Jose's Social Host Ordinance, [click here](#).



Also in keeping with the theme of traffic safety, I was very happy to attend the "Flipping of the Switch" at the newly enhanced crosswalk on Meridian Avenue at Oak Glen Way. A big thank you goes to former Councilmember Nancy Pyle for attending the event and for her dedication in seeing that this project would remain a priority during the changing of the guard.



Traffic and pedestrian safety has been a main topic of discussion in our office as of late. I was saddened by the tragic death of Aileen Quiroz, the young child who was struck by a car near Parkview Elementary School on May 14th. While it has been determined the driver of the vehicle was not speeding, as drivers or pedestrians we should all continue to be alert and extra careful near parks and in school zones.

Since taking office, I have reached out to every school principal within our District to learn more about how I can support them on these issues. My office also works very closely with the city's Department of Transportation (DOT) and Police Department to pin-point traffic "hot spots" in our community so that traffic enforcement can be deployed to those locations. We are working to increase the number of school locations with crossing guards in our neighborhoods, create new crosswalks, and enhance existing ones. The DOT will also be placing "smart" speed limit radar signs in areas where speeding is a chronic concerns in order to collect data and determine the top focus areas for potential traffic calming projects. If you have concerns about speeding or other traffic violations in your area you can request traffic enforcement by [clicking here](#).

I want to again thank each of you who attended the District 10 Community Budget Meeting in early May. Since then, my staff and I have been analyzing the proposed budget and drafted several Budget Documents that focus on improving public safety, saving the city money, and promoting better customer service. To view my budget documents and those from my fellow Councilmembers, click here: <http://sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?nid=3685>.

Once my colleagues and I submitted our Budget Documents to Mayor Reed, he chose those he wished to include in his June Budget Message. To read the Mayor's June Budget Message, click here: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/1981>. I am happy to report that my recommendation to explore the potential for County-wide fire services to save money and improve public safety was included in the Mayor's Budget

Message, along with my proposal to reduce the tax burden on City employees who use commute alternatives such as bicycling and public transit. I will continue to advocate for other initiatives that will enhance public safety, bring savings to the city, and improve the customer experience of our residents and businesses.

In other news related to the city's finances, on May 21st I enthusiastically voted to support a pilot program to outsource the handling of workers' compensation claims for City employees, as recommended in an audit of the program by the City Auditor which you may find here: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3262>. The new vendor, Athens Administrators, brings their extensive expertise in the areas of case management, detailed injury analyses to prevent future injuries, and the use of cost-saving medical provider networks to the City of San José. The contract allows the city to leave eight vacancies unfilled, which will save the City about \$900,000 each year while providing better service to city employees. If our experience is similar to that of other cities, this new model has the potential to cut our overall workers' compensation costs in half, which would amount to \$10 million in savings!

In other news, I am sure most of you have noticed the construction at the northeast corner of Almaden Expressway and Coleman Road. The project is called Sycamore Terrace and is comprised of two parcels that the city purchased in order to construct affordable housing units: a 0.92-acre parcel acquired in 1991 and a 0.51 acre parcel acquired in 1995 from the City's Parks Department. In 1991, the city sold the larger parcel to a developer for an affordable housing project. That development, Playa Almaden, did not come to fruition, and the city foreclosed on the parcel in 1995.

In January, Sycamore Terrace/Playa Almaden was transferred from the city's former Redevelopment Agency to the City of San José and its Successor Agency. The city's Housing Department has been working with a new developer to move forward with building out the project. The original project has been reduced from over 50 homes to 27 homes, and is to include 9 below-market-rate units for moderate-income households and 18 market-rate units.

This project was approved by the City Council in 2003, long before I took office. In August, the City Council will discuss selling the land to a developer, before the deadline to begin work on the project expires. If the project moves forward, some of the units may be completed and ready for sale in the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year.

Despite the fact that the project was approved long before my time on the Council, I have advocated for some changes to the project that would improve the safety on Almaden Expressway of getting into and out of the project. Safety improvements would include improving sight lines from the driveway by moving the VTA bus shelter north and pushing it back along the property line, making modifications to the driveway, and creating a small stacking area for vehicles entering the driveway. The developer has taken these concerns into consideration, has made some modifications to the original plan to improve safety for residents and drivers, and is reviewing these changes with the city's DOT and the County Roads and Airports division.

I know I crammed a lot of information into this month's newsletter, but keeping you up to date

and informed on city matters is of the utmost importance to me. To receive daily updates on the latest happenings in the city and in District 10, friend me on [Facebook](#) or follow me on [Twitter](#)! You can also find helpful information at our District 10 website by [clicking here](#).

Congratulations, again, to this year's graduates, and best of luck in all of your future endeavors!

Sincerely,
Johnny

Boards and Commissions Application Deadline Extended

San José is seeking applicants for eight city commissions that help shape policy on a variety of subjects. Commissions with vacancies to fill include Airport, Arts, Civil Service, Historic Landmarks, Library and Early Education, Parks and Recreation, Youth, and Senior Citizens. Also needing applicants is a Council Appointment Advisory Commission that screens applicants for boards and commissions. District 10 is specifically seeking out D10 residents to apply for the Library and Early Education Commission.

Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. Friday, June 7. Applicants must be San José residents and, if appointed, would serve terms of two to four years. Those interested can apply online for most of the commissions at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/sjccCommApps>.

More information is available from the City Clerk at (408) 535-1260 or at commissions@sanjoseca.gov

2013 San Jose Youth Conference

The 2013 Youth Conference theme of "Dream It, Live It" will focus on the unbridled spirit of entrepreneurship, with a goal to educate, empower and inspire youth to pursue future endeavors of building a successful business. The conference connects our future generation with some of San José's prominent leaders and successful business owners.

By choosing the topic of entrepreneurship, the Youth Commission hopes to motivate the next generation to actively pursue opportunities in business, in order to create a robust economy for their city, state and nation.

The conference is fully developed and implemented by the Youth Commissioners and is centered on empowering our future generation to be leaders of our local communities and beyond. Teens from all different walks of life actively participate in workshops, discussions, debates and hands-on learning that have a direct impact on their daily lives. In addition to workshops correlating to the annual theme, the conference is attended by elected officials, local leaders and business owners who fully support the Commission's vision of playing a vital role in shaping the future of San José and our nation.

For more information, contact San José Youth Commission staff member Betty Montoya - (408) 793-5559, betty.ramirez@sanjoseca.gov or REGISTER BY [CLICKING HERE](#).

Free Pet Adoption

On June 1-2, 2013, Humane Society Silicon Valley offers free pet adoptions at 901 Ames Avenue, Milpitas. This event is sponsored by Maddie's Fund Family Foundation. For More information, log on to <http://www.hssv.org/AdoptForFree> or call (408) 262-2133.

District 10 Community Safety Fair Survey

On April 7th, the District 10 Council Office partnered with the San Jose Police Foundation in presenting the First Annual District 10 Safety Fair. We would love to hear your feedback on what we did well and what we can improve. Please take a moment to fill out a quick survey about the event. To take the survey, [click here](#).

San Jose Beyond the Bell

A summer learning guide and online directory that allows parents to see the full range of educational resources that exist beyond their children's schools is being made available to parents, educators and service providers in the San Jose area thanks to SJ2020, the collaborative effort to eliminate the achievement gap in local schools by the year 2020. Loaded with more than 1,000 after-school and summer programs, Beyond the Bell also offers a summer learning guide with links to articles and events to help parents support learning outside of school. To preview the San Jose Beyond the Bell tool, please visit www.sanjosebeyondthebell.com

San Jose Library Summer Reading Celebration

San José Public Library presents its annual Summer Reading Celebration June 1-July 31. This year's reading celebration features more than 100 events for all ages that include live performances, activities and programs. Signing up for the reading celebration is quick, easy, free and rewarding. Books read or listened to from June 1 through July 31 will count toward program prizes. This year, all are invited to the library's systemwide kick off celebration at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library on Sunday, June 2 from 1-4 p.m. The kick-off event invites people of all ages to participate in a scavenger hunt inside the King Library and will also feature a community resource fair and plenty of live entertainment. For more information, visit sjpl.org/summer or call (408) 808-2175.

Public Meeting on Director of Aviation Meeting

The Aviation Director will lead the Mineta San José International Airport in providing excellent customer service at its world-class facilities and further developing air service that supports and encourages economic development in the City of San José.

You are encouraged to attend this community meeting to help shape the ideal candidate for the City's next Director of Aviation:

Date: June 3, 2013

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location: 200 E. Santa Clara Street, San Jose 95113

City Hall Council Wing Rooms 119-120

Give us your feedback by taking the online survey at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/aviation_director_community_survey

50% Off Car Wash Event

Get half off all car wash services (gasoline not included) plus prizes from KBAY/KEZR radio during this special event. By washing your car at a professional carwash, the wash and rinse water is recycled or discharged to the sanitary sewer system, preventing dirt, oil, and brake dust from washing into our creeks and the Bay where it can harm wildlife and pollute the environment. Keep your car and our creeks clean, with help from the Watershed Watch and these participating car washes! The City's Stormwater Management Program is part of a county-wide coalition, the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program (SCVURPPP). SCVURPPP organizes a county-wide education and outreach campaign called Watershed Watch. For more information, contact Ella Samonsky at 408-793-4379.

Wednesday, June 12, 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Robertsville Classic Car Wash

5005 Almaden Expressway, San José 95118

Jillian Paist - 2013 Santa Teresa Foothill Scholarship Winner

The Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association is pleased to announce that Jillian Paist, a District 10 resident, is the recipient of \$1,000 as the winner of the Association's 2013 Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to a college-bound high school graduate who has demonstrated a significant commitment to community service. Applicants must live within the Association's boundaries.

Jillian and her family have worked with the homeless and disadvantaged in our community since she was a young girl. Jillian's four years at Notre Dame High School in San Jose has included participation in toy drives and serving breakfast on Saturday mornings to the homeless at InnVision in San Jose. In 2011, she traveled with her church to Tijuana, Mexico to build homes and organize a children's program. The bonds she formed with the other volunteers and the families in Mexico, especially the children, deeply affected and inspired her. In July, Jillian will be returning to Tijuana for another week of service as one of the team leaders. In the fall, Jillian will attend Tulane University in New Orleans to study Public Health. She chose Tulane, in part, because of its emphasis on community service. Congratulations, Jillian!

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